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V. The Material Applied.

WATCHFULNESS. 1. A needful element in the Christian life in view of the coming of the Christ, which is 1) uncertain, 2) sudden. 2. The true spirit of watchfulness, 1) not anxiety, or 2) constant thought, but 3) readiness as manifested in (a) fidelity to present duty, (b) striving after perfection of character.

STUDY XXIV.—THE TRAITOR. MARK 14:1-11.

Résumé. 1. The circumstances of Jesus' departure from the temple. 2. An outline of the discourse on the Mount of Olives. 3. The interpretation of that discourse.

I. The Material Analyzed.

Read carefully Mark 14:1-11, and be able to make a definite statement concerning each of the following points, e. g.:

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| 1. The time (v. 1a); | 4. the protest (vs. 4,5); |
| 2. the counsel of his foes (vs. 1b,2); | 5. the reply of Jesus (vs. 6-9); |
| 3. the scene at Simon's house (v. 3); | 6. the traitor (vs. 10,11). |

II. The Material Compared.

1. With Mk. 14:1-11. cf. Mt. 26:1-16; Lk. 22:1-6; and note points in Mt. 26:1-3,15; Lk. 22:2-6.
2. Compare 1) Lk. 7:36-50, and from (a) internal resemblances, (b) differences, (c) relative position in the Gospel narratives, seek to determine whether these are two accounts of the same event; 2) John 12:1-8, and study in a similar way.
3. If John 12:1-8 be regarded as narrating the same event as that of Mk. 14:1-11, 1) determine which gospel presents the true chronological order and 2) note the light it throws upon Mark; (a) the woman; (b) the guests; (c) the objector; (d) other points.

III. The Material Explained.

1. TEXTUAL TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

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| 1) V. 1. (a) <i>After two days</i> ; i. e. counting from the events of Mk. 13. Cf. Mt. 26:1.
(b) <i>Not during the feast</i> ; how and why was this plan changed? | (e) <i>Brake</i> ; (1) peculiar to Mark; (2) reason for breaking? |
| 2) V. 2. <i>For</i> ; note (a) the reason for the "subtlety" and the delay; (b) the feeling of the people toward Jesus. | 4) V. 5. (a) <i>May</i> this be regarded as a large sum? |
| 3) V. 3. (a) <i>In Bethany</i> ; either (1) immediately after Mk. 13:3; or (2) at the time of Mk. 11:1. Cf. John 12:1.
(b) <i>The leper</i> ; could he have been so at that time? Cf. Lev. 13:45,46.
(c) <i>Sptkenard</i> ; (1) for meaning cf. margin R. V.; (2) note the use of ointments among ancient peoples.
(d) <i>Poured</i> , etc.; the significance of such an act, (a) in general, (b) her purpose, (c) Jesus' interpretation. | (b) What may be inferred as to the social position of the "woman"?
(c) <i>Murmured</i> ; lit. "wroth-with." Cf. Mk. 1:43. The spirit of this criticism; cf. John 12:6.
5) V. 7. Note the twofold argument drawn from (a) the person; (b) his circumstances.
6) V. 9. <i>Whole world</i> ; what light upon the insight of Jesus? Cf. Mk. 13:10.
7) V. 10. <i>He that was one</i> , etc.; emphatic; cf. Lk. 22:3. |

2. GENERAL TOPICS.

Judas Iscariot. (a) Gather the facts in relation to Judas as given in the following passages: Mk. 3:19; John 13:29; 6:70,71; 12:5,6; Mk. 14:10,11; John 13:

26,27; 18:2; Lk. 22:47,48; Mt. 27:3-5; Acts 1:16,17; (b) in view of Mk. 3:19 consider why Jesus chose him, whether (1) ignorantly, or (2) hopefully, or (3) designedly (John 13:18); (c) why he followed Jesus, whether (1) with selfish aims solely, (2) with pure devotion, (3) with mixed motives; (d) inquire into the cause of his deterioration as connected with (1) his being the only Judean disciple, (2) his work—encouraging selfishness, (3) Jesus' insight into his mind (John 6:70,71); (e) cause for his act of betrayal as found in (1) covetousness (John 12:6), (2) disappointment (Mk. 9:34-37), (3) spite and revenge (Lk. 22:47,48); (f) the explanation of his repentance (Mt. 27:3-5); (g) general summary of Judas' character, (1) its good points, (2) its fatal defects; (h) is Judas' character exceptional, (1) in its essential elements? or (2) in its special circumstances?

IV. The Material Organized.

1. *Gather the material* and classify it under the following heads: 1) persons, 2) places, 3) habits and customs, 4) important events, 5) literary data, 6) Jesus as more than man.
2. *Condense the material* verse by verse according to methods already indicated under the general topic of *Beginning of the End*.

V. The Material Applied.

- A CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLE OF LIFE. Mk.14:3-9. Observe how the following points are illustrated in this passage and consider their application to all right living: 1) the Christian principle of life—supreme devotion to Jesus Christ; 2) this determines one's course when duties seem to conflict (v. 5); 3) this develops unselfishness to its highest degree (v. 3); 4) this is fruitful not only in its local and immediate sphere (v. 8), but in permanent and wide-reaching benefits (v. 9).